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Alejandra has an interdisciplinary background, with over 15 years of experience in regional and local economic development, strategic planning and resilience. Today, Alejandra leads multidisciplinary, cross-sectoral teams in strategic planning efforts aimed at reducing inequity and exposure to risk. Her most recent projects range from disaster risk reduction (OXFAM) to renewable energy (RPPR-RMI) and low-income housing.

As a public policy advisor, Alejandra has worked with local governments and communities in Puerto Rico developing strategies to strengthen local economies, institutions and CBOs. She was San Juan's Chief Resilience Officer under Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities and Deputy Advisor to the Governor in the Office for the Development of Vieques and Culebra. From the Governor's Office she led several interagency collaborations including the Vieques Sustainability Task Force (from the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico); and the Vieques and Culebra Promise Zone Team. In 2015, she led the multi-sectoral team for Puerto Rico's entry under HUD's National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC), focused on autonomous adaptive strategies in the Caño Martín Peña and Cantera Peninsula.

Prior to her return to Puerto Rico, Alejandra taught various applied research methods courses; designed large-scale spatial datasets; and worked in projects on issues ranging from access to education to socioeconomic inequity. Throughout this period, she worked at the London School of Economics' Department of Geography and Environment and Centre for Economic Performance and with DANIDA, among others.

Alejandra's research interests have focused on the unequal distribution of risk (OXFAM-America; Resilient Power Puerto Rico and City of San Juan); best practices for psychosocial services delivery (Governor's Office); uneven regional economic development, socioeconomic inequality and institutional change (LSE); and public space design in transit systems (MIT).